

# Investing in Washington's Future

## The 2005 Gas Tax Transportation Funding Package

# Clallam and Jefferson County Region

**\$17.3 million toward 5 projects in the Clallam County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### **SR 112 Roadside Safety, Port Angeles to Neah Bay**

Installs guardrail, removes obstructions that block motorists views and improves some of the highway's shoulder between Port Angeles and Neah Bay. Reduces collisions by 36 percent.

Construction begins: 2007

Completion: 2009

### **SR 112, Erosion Protection, Hoko/Pysht Rivers**

Protects the roadway from annual riverbank erosion.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: 2007

### **Safety Work**

Adds rumble strips, guardrails and removes hazards on State Routes 101, 104, and 112.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: TBD

**\$250.8 million toward 8 projects in the Jefferson County Region to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**

### **SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge Replacement**

Replaces the aging and deteriorating east half with a new bridge that meets standards for wind and storms.

Construction began: 2003

Completion: 2009

### **US 101 Hoh River Logjam**

Builds man-made logjams in the Hoh River to direct the river's flow away from the roadway and to increase natural fish habitat. This is second phase of a two-phase project.

Construction begins: 2008

Construction ends: 2009

### **US 101 New Lanes, Mt. Walker north of Quilcene**

Constructs northbound and southbound passing lanes to improve congestion caused by slow moving vehicles.

Construction begins: 2006

Completion: 2007

### **Safety Work**

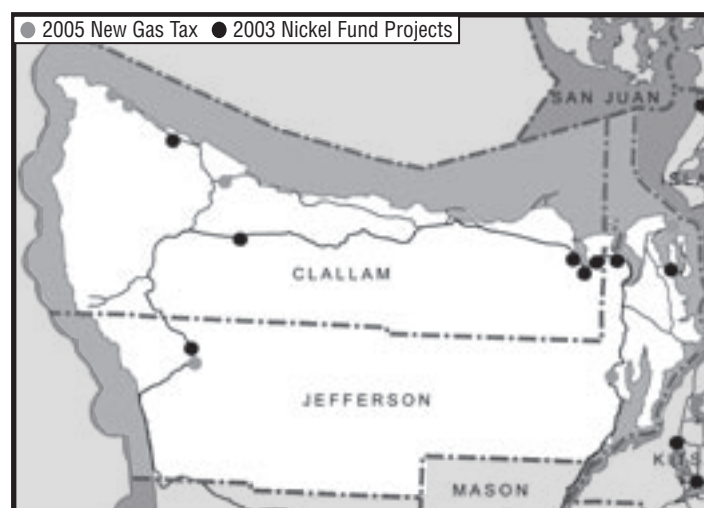
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### **Seismic Upgrades**

Reinforces bridges throughout Jefferson County to make them safer in the event of an earthquake. This is part of a larger program to make seismic improvements to bridges across western Washington.

### **Ferries**

Builds a vehicle holding area at the Port Townsend Ferry Terminal to improve ferry loading and reduce congestion on city streets.



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# Statewide

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### A Comprehensive Approach

- ▶ **\$7.1 billion for 274 projects across Washington state to make highways safer and keep traffic moving.**
- ▶ **Coordinates with prior transportation planning**
- ▶ **Phases in the gas tax increase over four years**
  - 3 cents a gallon in 2005
  - 3 cents in 2006
  - 2 cents in 2007
  - 1.5 cent in 2008
- ▶ **Supplemented by new vehicle weight fees**

### Improved Safety and Traffic Flow

- ▶ **Eliminates choke points and improves traffic flow in 69 locations**
- ▶ **Fixes 100 high accident locations**
- ▶ **Upgrades 172 bridges to withstand earthquakes**
- ▶ **Replaces 53 deteriorating or outdated bridges**
- ▶ **Adds 150 new lane miles to our highways**
- ▶ **Keeps freight moving with 35 projects for trucks and trains**
- ▶ **Adds 73 miles of cable barrier to prevent cross-over accidents**

### Increased Demand

Since 1980:

- ▶ **Washington's population has increased 45%**
- ▶ **There are 58% more licensed drivers**
- ▶ **The number miles traveled has gone up 88%**



**MAKING EVERY  
DOLLAR COUNT.**

# Accountable and Efficient

**The Washington State Department of Transportation is audited regularly by four agencies to ensure it is spending taxpayer dollars wisely.**

These include: State Auditors Office

Federal Highway Administration

Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee

Transportation Performance Audit Board

Audits since 1998 have found only minor operating issues, which have been or are being addressed.

## Summary

### Highway Program

- ☑ Improve change order management
- ☑ Adopt cost savings ideas
- ☑ Reform project management and cost tracking activities

### Aviation Division

- ☑ Conduct annual customer service surveys
- ☑ Integrate customer needs into programs

### Environmental Permitting

- ☑ Strengthen coordination with environmental and resource agencies to standardize data, save money, and improve working relations.

### Capital Project Management Study

- ☑ Implement agency-wide project management tools
- ☑ Integrate cost/risk estimation process across all programs and divisions

### Washington State Ferries

- ☑ Implement an electronic fare collection system.
- ☑ Revise safety procedures
- ☑ Streamlining management
- ☑ Improving capital project cost-benefit analysis enhancements
- ☑ Upgrade contract management

# On Time, On Budget

Of the first 39 highway construction projects funded by the 2003 Transportation Package, 26 projects are currently under construction and on schedule. 13 have been completed:



**Early: 8 Projects**  
**On Time: 4 Projects**  
**Late: 1 Project**

## Early

- I-90 Cable Median Barrier
  - Geiger Road to US 2
  - Sullivan to State line
- I-90 Truck Climbing Lanes
  - Highline Canal to Elk Heights
  - Ryegrass to Vantage
- I-182 Interchange at US 395 near Pasco
- SR 97A Turn Lanes Entiat Park
- SR 203 Roundabout near Kirkland/Duvall
- SR 500 Interchange at NE 112th in Clark County

## On Time

- SR 124 Reconstruction at US 12 near Tri-Cities
- SR 9 New Signal at SR 528 near Arlington
- I-90 Cle Elum River Bridge
- I-5 Noise Wall Roanoke in Seattle

## Late

- US 395 Highway Information Sign near Kennewick

# 349 Projects: \$14 Million Under Budget

In the 2003-2005 budget cycle, WSDOT completed 349 construction projects at a cost of \$109 million, roughly 10 percent below the budgeted amount of \$123 million.

For more information on projects funded by the 2005 gas tax:

Or contact Customer Service:

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